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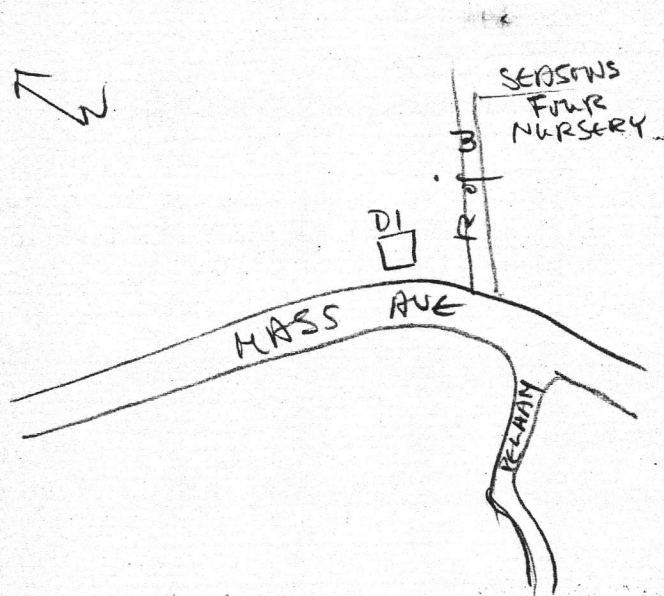
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wn LexingtonAddress 1295 Mass. AvenueStephen Robbins HomesteadPresent use DwellingPresent owner Helen Potter

Description:

1716Source Plaque on house (HABS)Georgian

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric white clapboard  
green shuttersOutbuildings (describe) NoneOther features Ridge roof, center chimney,  
side lights at door. 6 over 6 panesAltered porch on North Date \_\_\_\_\_  
from \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved East Lexington Date May 21  
(669 Mass. Ave.) 19 46

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre 3/4 Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_Approximate frontage 90'Approximate distance of building from street  
30'

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date July 22, 1975DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) not known

Original use farm house

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ Humanitarian	<u>x</u>
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Was on Mass. Ave. (Great Road) in East Lexington before the Revolution. Station on the underground railroad during anti-slavery days & Civil War.

Acquired by Stephen Robbins -1781 - 1847

Abigail Winship Robbins, widow of Stephen Robbins - 1847-1850

Miss Cairra Robbins, daughter of Stephen Robbins - 1850 -1881

Mrs. Ellen A. Robbins Stone - granddaughter 1881-1890

Miss Ellen A Stone, great granddaughter 190-1944

(c/also E-14, E-15, E-16 of Lex. inventory, all associated with Robbins-Stone families, from Eli Robbins to Ellen Stone)

There also seems to be evidence that in 1835 Eli Robbins bought property in W. Cambridge, now Arlington, which included Old Schwamb mill<sup>site</sup> on National Register of Historic Places (old map in possession of Pat Fitzmaurice, director of mill)

*Bought by Helen Potter for \$500 in 1946. Move took 6 days + cost more than \$3000.*

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Proceedings of Lex. Hist. Soc.

HABS.

*Hinkle + Cleghorn Life in Lexington 1946-1995, p. 9.*